

In the Claims:

Please **SUBSTITUTE** the following amended claims for the pending claims with the same number (a marked up copy of the prior pending claim with all changes shown is supplied in the appendix):

41. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the booking module of the web site module is further configured to require the Internet user to submit personal information over the Internet to book one of the available time-slots.
47. The apparatus of claim 37, further comprising a password module configured to accept a unique password to prevent the unauthorized access to the restaurant maintenance module belonging to the restaurant.
126. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the table reservation management module is further configured to enable the number of records in the reservation booking database for the restaurant to be defined by the restaurant.
58. The apparatus of claim 55, further comprising a restaurant data entry module configured to allow the restaurant to write customer information into one of the records to book an available time-slot in the name of the customer.
64. The apparatus of claim 37 wherein the web site module further comprises a first cancellation module configured to permit the Internet user to cancel over the Internet a previously booked time-slot for a table booked by the Internet user at the restaurant's place of business.
71. The apparatus of claim 68, wherein the restaurant maintenance module for the restaurant, the reservation booking database and the table reservation management

module, are further configured to reside at the central computing location and are accessible by the restaurant over the Internet.

80. A reservation system comprising:

- a reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to the plurality of time-slots for the tables at the selected restaurant;

- a central computing location configured to an host Internet web site for booking reservations at a plurality of restaurants, the central computing location comprising:

 - an Internet search module configured to identify a selected restaurant in response to a search request submitted by an Internet user to identify the selected restaurant among a plurality of restaurants affiliated with the web site;

 - a time-slot display module configured to display one or more available time-slots each corresponding to one or more tables at the selected restaurant's place of business; and

 - a booking module configured to permit the Internet user to book one of the available time-slots to reserve the corresponding table in the reservation booking database; and

- a local computer located at the selected restaurant, the local computer configured to cooperate with the central computing location and including a table reservation management module configured to permit the selected restaurant to book time-slots in the reservation booking database to reserve tables at the selected restaurant for customers not making bookings over the Internet.

99. A method comprising:

- providing a first restaurant a first reservation booking database having a plurality of records, the plurality of records corresponding to a plurality of time-slots for tables at the first restaurant

providing a first table reservation management module configured to enable the first restaurant to book time-slots in the first reservation booking database to reserve the tables at the first restaurant for customers not making bookings over the Internet; and

providing an Internet booking module configured to enable an Internet user to book an available one of the time-slots to reserve one of the tables at the first restaurant.

107. The method of claim 99, wherein providing the first table reservation management module further comprises enabling the first restaurant to manage a selected portion of its time-slot inventory for table bookings made by Internet users and for customers not making reservations over the Internet.

108. The method of claim 99, wherein the providing the first table reservation management module further comprises providing a restaurant display module configured to enable the first restaurant to display the available and the booked time-slots for the tables at the first restaurant's place of business during a time period defined by the first restaurant.